

SURBITON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families joining this term.

Our newsletter is sent out every half term and hopefully keeps you informed of events that are happening in the nursery. Each newsletter will include a list of forthcoming dates. We are planning some exciting events for this term and will keep you updated via Tapestry.

Community News

I hope you all had a good Christmas although it already feels like it was a long time ago. The daylight is increasing and soon all the Spring bulbs we planted back in autumn will be blooming and bringing us some cheer and colour again. Please do share any pictures of signs of spring on Tapestry for us all to enjoy!

Exciting news, we were selected for Tesco Stronger Starts for customers to vote for us in Tesco stores in Colliers Wood, New Malden, Wimbledon, Streatham and Tooting. We should hear very soon where we placed in the vote which determines how much money we receive. We will update as soon as we hear and on how we plan to spend the money.

Thank you to all of you who made the Christmas Sparkle event and contributed to all our various Christmas activities. We made just over £1,000 which is a fantastic result.

We will be holding a Valentine's Cake Sale on Wednesday 11th February which will also be raising money for our school fund. All the money goes towards enriching the nursery experience for all of our nursery children.

Coming up, we will be celebrating Heart Week (7th - 14th February) and Children's Mental Health Week (9th - 15th February). Look out for posts on Tapestry.

I would like to take this opportunity to say another huge thank you to all our families for your engagement and support in our school community. We will shortly be sending out details of our School Fund. Support from our community by way of donations into the School Fund is invaluable. A School Fund Contribution is a voluntary contribution. However, without your generosity, we would be unable to provide the many extras we need to enhance our children's nursery experience. Please look out for an email on this shortly.

Very best wishes,

Esther

Workshops

We will be holding coffee mornings at Christ Church Surbiton Hill on Christ Church Road. Details will be posted on Tapestry in advance. The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 4th February from 8.45am - 10.30am and will focus on reading and a love of books.

We will also be holding a 'Big Feelings' parent workshop at the nursery one evening soon - date to be confirmed. This is a very popular workshop which previous parents have found useful. An online link will be available for those not able to make it in person.

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Curriculum Overview

At SHNS our curriculum is accessible for all of our children.

The same goal, different pathways

1

To become a confident learner - PSED

To understand others and be understood - C&L

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3

To move with purpose while managing risks - PD

To enjoy stories and rhymes - Literacy

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To be a mathematical problem solver - Maths

To explore and look after my world and the people in it - UTW

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To create an emotional response through my senses - EAD

To become resilient and persevere even when things are hard

8

NATURAL THINKERS

We are now a lead setting for the Natural Thinkers Programme.

This is a programme which connects children with nature through practical activities that are inspiring or motivating. This fits very well with the ethos of our nursery.

More information about the Natural Thinkers Programme can be found at naturalthinkers.co.uk.

We are also encouraging the children to look after the nursery environment, including caring for the resources we have.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children thrive and make progress when they have consistent attendance and settle more quickly into the session when arriving on time. This is something that as a school we strive to support every family achieve. If your child is struggling to come to school on time or you need some additional support with routines or visuals that can help with expectations for your child, please do get in touch and we can help with this.

Please notify school of any absence by 9am via the office phone or email.

Please also ensure prompt collection at the end of your child's session. The doors will be open at 11.25am and 3.25pm for a smooth transition. If you need to pick up earlier for an exceptional circumstance, please inform the office in advance. It can be disruptive for the children to leave in the middle of a session.

HEALTHY EATING

At Surbiton Hill we promote a healthy lifestyle through a healthy relationship with food and regular exercise.

Our snacks are always fruit or toast and we use low sugar and low salt recipes for cooking. To celebrate birthdays we encourage children to bring a book for the library and due to allergies we ask you not to bring in food items to share. We also remind parents to check pockets to make sure children haven't brought any food items from home into school, especially sweets or chocolate as this could cause a life threatening allergic reaction for some children. Please also refrain from giving your child a snack whilst on school premises for the same reason. Please also consider healthy snacks when collecting to help encourage positive food choices later in life.

Thank you

MOBILE PHONES



When in the school grounds, please do not use your mobile phone.

DLA and DAF

If your child is eligible for Disability Living Allowance, please let us know
You can complete the form here -
<https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/how-to-claim>

We can claim additional funding - Disability Access Funding - if your child is entitled to DLA, so please do have a conversation with Hannah, our SENCO

Clothing

As the weather improves, we will continue to access the garden every day. Please could you dress your child in practical, warm and waterproof clothing and wellies so that they can enjoy these activities. We are still expecting some cold and wet weather over the coming weeks. There is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!

Children are encouraged to look after their personal belongings, but clothes that children take off are easily mislaid. It would help if you could name clothes that children take off in school - hats, coats, scarves, school sweatshirts, etc. We put any unnamed items that we find in the lost property basket by the office.

TOILETING

We remind children to use the toilet. However, accidents still do happen; children get engaged in many exciting activities and may leave it too late. This is not a problem for us and you do not need to worry if your child has accidents.

If your child has a particular problem in this regard, your teacher or key person will discuss with you ways that we can manage this together.

The ERIC website is very useful for tips and ideas on toileting, toilet training and all things toilet related!

<https://eric.org.uk/>



Dates for the Diary

Wed 4 th Feb	Coffee morning
Sat 7 th Feb	Open morning for prospective families
Wed 11 th Feb	Valentine's Cake Sale
7 th - 14 th Feb	Heart Week
9 th - 15 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
16 th - 20 th Feb	Half Term and Holiday Club
Mon 23 rd Feb	School reopens

Dates for the Diary

We are holding an Open Morning for prospective families on Saturday 7th February 10 - 11.30am. If you know of any families looking for a nursery place, please let them know. Spaces can be booked via the office.

We will be running a holiday club during the February half term and will be open 8am - 6pm. Details will be sent out shortly. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the office.